GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SPECIFICATION FOR RUNWAYS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the length and width of runways at some airports in the country is not as per minimum required specification;

(b) if so, the total length and width of runways required at an airport where big aircraft lands;

(c) the details of airports not meeting the minimum required length and width of runways; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the length and width of runways at airports as per minimum required specification?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d) The general dimension required for a runway for operation of A320 / B737-800 type of aircraft is 7500 feet x 150 feet and for wide bodied aircraft like A300 / B767 is 9000 feet x 150 feet. The runway length and width at the airports owned by Airports Authority of India (AAI) has been classified a s per International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Aerodrome Reference Code indicating the suitability of runway for operation of particular type of aircraft. However, expansion / extension of runways is under taken at some airports based on operational requirements of particular type of aircraft operated by various airlines subject to availability of land for the purpose. Extension o f runway has already been undertaken at Madurai, Trichy, Raipur, Silchar, Jammu, Khajuraho, Dibrugarh, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Kangra and Cooch Behar. Extension o f runway i s also planned at Guwahati, Jaipur, Udaipur, Indore, Varanasi and Mysore.